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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Impossible Demands

THE veil which Mr Selwyn Lloyd has lifted in the House of Commons on the recent Anglo-Egyptian negotiations relating to the Suez Canal Zone all too clearly shows why the discussions broke down. The five demands made by the Egyptians are so unrealistic as to border on the fatuous. In their present form and meaning they have to be rejected by Britain. Patently General Naguib at the moment is so obsessed with the desire to "realise national aspirations" that he is prepared to sacrifice the long-term interests of his country and of the rest of the Middle East in order to satisfy that obsession. The Egyptian Prime Minister can seem to dispossess himself of the quite erroneous belief that Britain is seeking only to retain an exclusive grip on the Canal Zone. And this, despite London's sincere agreement with the proposal for a "phased" withdrawal of British troops and the proffered offer to render Egypt military and economic assistance in building up her security. General Naguib's "Get out and be damned" attitude may be all right for rabble rousing effects, but it overlooks some fundamental considerations which are just as important to Egypt as to other Middle East nations. Mr Selwyn Lloyd has pinpointed some of them.

For example, if Britain surrenders her position in the Zone in the manner demanded by Egypt, the Canal as a defensive base must inevitably, as well as quickly, become useless. And when that happens the security foundation of the whole Middle East will be imperilled and undermined. Yet another point of profound truth is that the Arab countries cannot "produce or procure the necessary equipment or skill to keep pace with the terrifying demands of modern warfare." In other words, without the assistance of friendly Western powers, Egypt and her neighbours become sitting targets for any modern armed aggressor. These considerations, however, seem not to distract General Naguib and his advisers one whit. Long-term policy is not their long suit. They prefer to mistake (quite wilfully) the shadow for the substance—a line of action which must jeopardise the future of Egypt. Britain has given plenty of evidence of her genuine desire to compose Anglo-Egyptian disputes. Hopes very naturally were raised that this was in sight when agreement was reached on the vexed question of the Sudan. That promising beginning was made possible by willingness on the part of both Britain and Egypt to modify their conditions in such a manner that they were able to be dovetailed. A similar process, is required in the matter of the Suez Canal Zone, but if it is to materialise the first move must be made by Egypt by amending her impossible demands. And this can be done without in any way compromising her national honour or her legitimate aspirations.

Dulles Urges Resumption Of Talks

London, May 13. The United States Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, expressed American hopes for a resumption of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Suez Canal zone when he talked on Sir Winston Churchill today. He believed in equally well-informed quarters here.

Mr. Dulles is believed to have left Cairo with the firm impression that the best way of preventing a further serious outbreak of guerrilla activity in the Canal zone would be to get the Cairo talks restarted. These have been suspended on Egypt's initiative.

During this week's foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons, the Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, disclosed that Britain found Egyptian claims to move out British technicians charged with the future care of the base as "unacceptable."

Mr. Selwyn Lloyd said he felt that no British initiative was now called for, but warned that British Canal zone troops would defend themselves if attacked.

Churchill, Attlee Speeches Raise A Storm Of Criticism

Tories Win Seat From Socialists

Sunderland, May 13. Sir Winston Churchill's Conservatives scored a major victory over their Socialist opponents today by capturing their Parliamentary seat at South Sunderland in a bye-election. The result, announced tonight, was:

Paul Williams (Conservative): 23,114
Alexander Whipp (Labour): 21,939
Roy Leslie (Liberal): 2,524

Conservatives attached great importance to winning the seat, which Labour held with a majority of only 300 votes. They regarded the result as a real test of the government's prestige, which suffered a blow last week when the Conservative party had heavy reverses in nationwide municipal elections.—Reuter.

Dulles Meeting Ben Gurion Today

Tel-Aviv, May 14. The United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, will today meet Mr. David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel.

His travelling companion, Mr. Harold Stassen, Mutual Security Administrator, will meet the Finance and Trade Ministers. He is expected to discuss with them problems of United States economic aid to Israel.

The meeting will take place in Jerusalem, and the Americans will leave for Jordan this afternoon.

Mr. Dulles' visit has been welcomed by nearly all sections of opinion here except the Communists. They held an anti-Dulles rally last night and several times disrupted between Communists and their opponents. Several youths were slightly hurt.

An authoritative source disclosed that Mr. Dulles and Mr. Moshe Sharet, Israel's Foreign Minister, discussed Israel-Arab relations at their meeting yesterday. Mr. Sharet is believed to have said that Israel is ready to join a regional defence system, provided the Arabs made peace with her.

Mr. Dulles and his party had left Egypt with the conviction that the situation there was "very grave," American sources said here tonight.

Both American and Israeli authoritative sources said Dulles was disappointed with the results of his Egyptian visit, which had seemed to make Middle East defence plans more remote than ever.

A senior American diplomat in Mr. Dulles' party said "Both the Egyptians and the British seemed to dig in their positions in preparation for the visit."

A senior Israeli official said in view of the fading prospects of a Middle East command system, the Israeli leaders would concentrate on two main points in their talks with Mr. Dulles and Mr. Stassen on Friday.

They would try to secure an expansion of American economic aid to Israel and suggest that military aid should be extended to Middle Eastern countries individually, prior to the formation of command.—Reuter.

U.S. SENATORS ANGRY

Bitter Language Employed

Washington, May 13. A strong storm of criticism of the British government's Korean war policies broke out in the United States Senate today.

Senators representing both the Republican and Democrat parties and both Liberal and Conservative groups, including the anti-Communist Senator Joseph McCarthy, all joined in denouncing bitterly alleged opposition to United States foreign policy in this week's speeches to the House of Commons by Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Attlee.

The language used to denounce the British on the Far East was some of the bitterest heard in the Senate since the debates in 1948 over Anglo-American differences on the Palestine question.

The debate was precipitated by Senator Paul Douglas (Democrat, Illinois) who usually votes with Liberal groups.

He accused both Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Attlee of trying "to nudge the United States into such a position that it will be forced to acquiesce in the main features of the Communist proposal" of last week for a settlement of the Korean prisoner of war issue.

Senator William Knowland, Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said that if Britain insisted on an "appeasement settlement" with the Communists, the United States must be "prepared to go it alone" in Korea.

He added in a prepared speech that it would be a tragic mistake for the United Nations to accept Communist proposals to turn over to five "neutral" nations those prisoners of war who did not want to go home.

The Senator attacked the stand taken on Korea by Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Clement Attlee in the House of Commons yesterday.

"What in effect Churchill and Attlee were saying to us by their speech in Parliament," Senator Knowland said, "was that we should accept the Communist eight-point proposal and should stop trying to clarify or modify the proposal to maintain the principles for which we have suffered 150,000 casualties in the past two and a half years."

"In effect, what they have told us is that if we do not accept their advice and the Chinese Communists persist in the war, we must be prepared to go it alone. So be it."

GRIM FACED Senator Knowland, who previously has attacked the inclusion of India among the five nations designated to handle prisoners of war, was grim faced as he handed advance texts of his speech to reporters.

Before Senator Knowland could get the floor to make his speech, Senator Paul Douglas (Democrat, Illinois) voiced an appeal in the Senate to the British Government to stop urging the United States to "seek security at the expense of war."

"Apparently," he said, "they (Sir Winston Churchill and Mr. Attlee) are nudging the United States into a position where we will have to acquiesce in the main features of the Communist proposal."

He contended that that would mean "a tremendous moral victory" for the Communist cause and provide ammunition

for propaganda claims that "the Democrats will not defend their own and those who come over to them."

Senator Wayne Morse (Independent, Oregon) retorted that "We had better sit down and work out some understanding with our allies rather than criticize them on the floor of the United States Senate."

Senator McCarthy today accused Mr. Attlee of making "a foul, dishonest attack on our President." (Mr. Attlee, in the House of Commons yesterday, said: "One wonders sometimes who was more powerful, the President or Senator McCarthy.")

Senator McCarthy said he was "extremely shocked" in reading accounts of the debate to note that members of the Conservative Party had said without replying to the Socialist leader.

Senator McCarthy said he would reply to Mr. Attlee in some detail in a speech he planned to make to the Senate tomorrow.

"I don't think what he said can be left unanswered," Senator McCarthy added.

He hoped, he said, Mr. Attlee would be answered by the Conservative Party in the Commons even before he addressed the Senate tomorrow.—Reuter.

Open Mind On Churchill Proposal

Washington, May 13. An authoritative State Department source said today the United States "did not disagree" with the call by Sir Winston Churchill for an early meeting with Soviet leaders.

The source added that the question of timing was very important, and the United States would like to see proof of Soviet sincerity in the current Korean truce talks and the forthcoming talks on an Austrian treaty.

The State Department's spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said that Communist agreement on a Korean truce and the Austrian treaty "would help to pave the way towards a high level conference."

Mr. McDermott said Sir Winston Churchill's suggestion "is a further manifestation of his own high purpose and of the fervent desire of all the people of the free world to achieve a just and lasting peace."

But the language used to denounce the British stand on the Far East was some of the bitterest heard in the Senate since the debates in 1948 over Anglo-American differences on the Palestine question.—Reuter.

Cold, But At Least Alive!



Here are two survivors from the wrecked steamer Duke of York involved recently in a collision in the North Sea. Cold and huddled up in heavy clothing and blankets, they await transportation after being landed at Harwich.—AP Photo.

Britain Appoints A Chieftain

Serotse Khama's Successor

Serowe, May 13. Britain today abruptly ended three years of direct rule over the Bamangwato tribe of Bechuanaland by appointing a tribesman to exercise native authority instead of Chief Serotse Khama, banished after his marriage to a London tylist.

The Resident Commissioner, Mr. Forbes MacKenzie, summoned tribesmen to a Gkotla, the traditional meeting, and announced that he would transfer authority over them to Rasobela, a quiet dignified man of 47 who is in line of succession to the Khama ruling family.

The British decision followed abortive attempts at previous Gkotlas to make the Bamangwato pick a successor to Serotse. During those meetings, the British spokesman repeatedly commended Rasobela to the arguing tribesmen.

Rasobela will not be formally chief over the 18,000 Bamangwato and the 80,000 members of the subordinate tribes. He will not wear the leopard skin which goes with the chief's authority.

But, the announcement said, "he will be clothed with all the responsibility of office of native authority." He will take charge of the tribe's day to day affairs.

Rasobela served with the Royal Pioneer Corps in the Middle East during the second world war, attaining the rank of Regimental Sergeant Major—the highest open to him as an African.

"He won the British Empire Medal for his service and was decorated personally by the late King George VI when he visited Bechuanaland in 1947.—Reuter.

DEATH OF LORD CROMER

London, May 13. Lord Cromer died in his sleep here today aged 76.

Lord Cromer had been Permanent Lord-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth since 1952, and to her father, the late King George VI, between 1938 and 1952.

His half brother is Sir Evelyn Baring, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in Egypt.—Reuter.

'Fabricated' Stories Of Attacks

Cairo, May 13.

Colonel Gummil Abdel Nasser, one of Egypt's top men, today accused the British Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, of "fabricating" stories of Egyptian attacks on British troops in the Suez Canal Zone and claimed in turn that the British made 43 attacks on Egyptians between April 3 and May 11.

"We would have expected a British spokesman to create a better atmosphere and to try to understand Egyptian point of view in its strength and simplicity, rather than poisoning the wells," he declared.

Mr. Lloyd said in the House of Commons last night that there had been 30 attacks on British installations and people in the Canal Zone since the beginning of April. He said there were grounds for believing they were launched either under the direction or with the connivance of the Egyptian army.

Colonel Nasser, General Mohammed Naguib's chief lieutenant, daily denied that the Egyptian army was involved, saying: "The Egyptian Army has absolutely nothing to do with incidents against the British Army."

Colonel Nasser said: "Mr. Selwyn Lloyd has made a statement in the House of Commons accusing the Egyptian army of committing in so-called attacks against British personnel in the Canal zone."

"It is an ill-chosen moment for raising such an issue, about which Mr. Lloyd knows the truth, as we know it."

FEW INCIDENTS No one could believe that the presence of a foreign troop against the will of the Egyptian people and "grabbing authority from the legal authorities of the country, both inside and outside the Canal zone, would not lead to unpleasant incidents on both sides," he said.

Colonel Nasser said "these incidents which are very few have been taking place ever since the British came to Egypt."

"If we were to reciprocate, we could give the 43 cases of brutal British aggressive action against ordinary peace-loving Egyptian citizens."

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, reported on the latest developments in the political situation, at an Egyptian Cabinet meeting here tonight.

He also reviewed the talks between the Egyptian leaders and the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles. The Egyptian Revolutionary Council announced tonight that eight Egyptians were killed and 20 wounded in 43 attacks by British troops on Egyptian citizens in the Canal zone from April 3 to May 12.—Reuter.

McCarthy Accused Of Running 'Smear Campaign'

BRITISH SHIPOWNERS AND TRADING WITH CHINA

London, May 13.

Lord Winstanley, a Labour peer, today accused Senator Joseph McCarthy of running a "smear campaign" against British shipowners trading with Communist China.

His "campaign" which was "in furtherance of his political ambitions" was an affair for the American Government, Lord Winstanley told the House of Lords.

But when it came to making "slandorous statements" about British shipowners who had done nothing wrong, he did not think it could have a very happy effect on Anglo-American relations.

Lord Winstanley called attention to a report that a witness before Senator McCarthy's Investigating Committee had alleged that the Blue Funnel Line and Wheelock Marden Company Ltd. had vessels trading with Communist China as well as with other countries since the Korean war began.

Senator McCarthy was said to have described the alleged British action as "the most inexcusable thing I ever heard of," Lord Winstanley said.

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GOVT. POLICY Lord Reading, Joint Foreign Under-Secretary, said it had not been the British Government's policy to restrict trade with China in non-strategic goods.

Ships of the companies named, together with many others, had engaged in such business.

Until the control of trade by sea with China and North Korea ended, 1953, there was in fact no law preventing goods being carried by British ships to China from ports outside Britain and the Colonies.

British ships, as well as expected, had shown commendable judgment in avoiding the carriage of goods evidently intended for war.

Only in a few isolated cases, Lord Reading added, had items of some strategic importance been included in the mixed cargoes of British ships going to China from ports outside Britain and the Colonies.

Such a proceeding was in no way illegal. Any uncertainty shipowners might have felt about what was to be regarded as "strategic" and what was not had now been removed by new regulations which prohibited any British ships carrying

Life Sentence For Kidnapper Rizal Ena Tunga, aged 27, who was convicted of kidnapping a 12-year-old school girl last August 20 was today sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge H. Cadogan of the Manila Court of First Instance.

Tungala was arrested last year when a 12-year-old Lacana Quilino reported to the police that Tungala and two men had taken her to a house in Manila's Tondo district from where she escaped. Tungala's two companions are still at large.—Reuter.

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South Africans Await Next Move By Malan

Pretoria, May 13.

South Africans are waiting to see how the newly re-elected Nationalist Party Government will be able to carry out their pledge to establish the "sovereignty of parliament" over the courts, while they are still without the desired two-thirds parliamentary majority required for constitutional changes.

Dr Daniel Malan, the Prime Minister, now controls 94 of the South African Assembly's 159 seats compared with 86 in the last parliament but he is still short of the strength he wants jointly in both Houses of Parliament to pass certain legislation without the fear of it being rejected in legal test cases.

In the 48-member Senate which was not involved in the recent general election, the Nationalists held only 27 seats at the end of the last Parliament in February.

The Government's immediate problem is their Coloured Voters Bill, a measure to transfer non-African coloured voters from the common voters' roll to a separate register. Their plan to carry this out was thwarted in the last Parliament by 'appeal court' decisions that it was invalid because it had been approved by only a bare parliamentary majority.

These coloured voters, a century-old mixed racial community living mostly in Cape Province, with male members granted traditional voting rights by early settlers, are specifically protected by the South African Constitution.

The Constitution, embodied in the South African Act of 1910 passed by the British Parliament to create the Union, established that any law seeking to disqualify voters in Cape Province on the grounds of race or colour only must have a two-thirds majority vote of the Assembly and Senate in joint session. Similar provisions applied to any law seeking to repeal or alter the status of English and Afrikaans as South Africa's official languages.

CLEAR MANDATE?

These voting and language rights are known as the "Entrenched Clauses" of the constitution.

Pressing their apartheid or complete segregation policies for coloured peoples in South Africa, the Nationalist Government feel that the so-called "Cape Coloureds" should no longer vote with whites on the common roll in elections but have their own register to elect four representatives of their own in Parliament. Africans already have a similar restricted

franchise giving them three white Members of Parliament. More than doubling their majority in the last election with apartheid as their main platform, the Nationalists see a clear mandate to pursue their racial legislation but face a recurring impasse if the constitution is strictly respected.

When the Nationalist Government suffered two reverses from the courts on the coloured voters controversy in the last Parliament, they bided their time for the nation to decide the issue in the election.

NEXT MOVE

First the Coloured Voters Bill was found unconstitutional and the same fate greeted the Government's original High Court of Parliament Act designed to turn parliament into a high court with powers to overrule the Appeal Court decision.

Now that the "answer" from the electorate is not quite emphatic enough in terms of seats to provide a ready-made solution to the constitutional issue, the government's next move is awaited—with international interest.

Right after the election, encouraged by his return to power with increased strength, Dr Malan made overtures to the defeated United Party Opposition, beckoning "12 or 13" of them to join the Government in a vote to clear up this colour issue and end the parliamentary controversy.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Jacobus Strauss, replied there were no "Quislings" on his side.

Some observers believe that the Nationalist Government may re-introduce the Coloured Voters Bill without delay when the new Parliament meets on July 3 at Cape Town, mainly to pass the budget. Others think that the Bill will be delayed until the most available time for it is seen or has been prepared.

Council Of Europe Assembly Makes Call To America

Strasbourg, May 13.

The Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe today appealed to the United States to lower tariffs and simplify customs procedure to help European economic recovery.

In the same resolution, approved by a unanimous vote, the Assembly called for more trade with Communist countries.

The Assembly today wound up a two-day economic debate and adjourned further work of its fifth session until June 23.

British Labour delegate George Brown said West Europe must impress on the United States that "we want trade in order to earn our share of the costs of the maintenance of the free world".

He said the U.S. must "liberalize trade or accept responsibility for a most unhappy situation." Mr. Robert F. Roach, British Conservative delegate, said it was time Europe tried to find its own remedy for "the endemic economic disease of the free world" and stopped asking the U.S. for more dollars.

As a start he suggested some liberalization of trade, some coordination of monetary policies, a more flexible European currency system, relaxation of physical controls and gradual extension of a system of preferential tariffs.

Today's resolution said one main goal of the European nations was free currency convertibility but emphasized that convertibility in itself could not remedy the fundamental "unbalance" between dollar and non-dollar areas.—Reuter.

U.S. GESTURE

Washington, May 13. The Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. George Humphrey, today endorsed a proposed new customs simplification bill which would ease the entry of foreign goods into the dollar market.

The bill, now pending before Congress, does not change tariff rates. It was designed to eliminate a mass of customs red tape which, foreign businessmen have complained, was a greater handicap to trade than tariffs themselves.

Congressional Committee hearings on the bill are to begin on June 1.—Reuter.

STILL LONG WAY OFF

Paris, May 13. The Foreign Ministers of the six Schuman Plan nations wound up a two-day meeting tonight with a renewed pledge to set up a joint parliament to control their coal-steel merger and the projected European Army.

But observers said their talks on the draft constitution for a new political merger have clearly shown that the day when Parliamentarians of the six nations—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—take their seats in a Common European Assembly is still a long way off, maybe years.

Germany and Italy are anxious to press ahead with the Union but France and the Benelux countries are having second thoughts and are clearly determined not to rush things. The Ministers will meet again in Rome next month.—Reuter.

Perth Given Extra Day

Perth, May 13. Western Australians have been given a four-day holiday in Coronation Week—one day longer than the holiday granted in other States.

Coronation day falls on the day after Western Australia's normal public holiday commemorating the foundation of the State, and many city workers are expected to take advantage of the long break for holidays at out-of-town resorts.

Church services in the morning of June 2, military parades in the afternoon and fireworks displays in the evening are the order of celebrations in Perth and country towns.—United Press.

Rocket Plane Tragedy

Niagara Falls, May 13.

Canadian Air Force planes patrolling Lake Ontario today spotted wreckage and all believed to be from a secret American rocket plane which crashed near here last night.

They reported there was no sign of the two men missing from the rocket motor plane after an explosion ripped the experimental craft free about 15 miles from the Lake's American shore, northeast of Rochester, last night.

Both employees of the Bell Aircraft Company, the men are believed to have fallen, jumped or been blown from the B50 during the explosion.—Reuter.

German General Deserts

Berlin, May 13.

The chief of the East German coastal defences fled to the West a few days before he was to be promoted to Major-General, West Berlin authorities announced.

Officials said that Col Siegfried Gerber, 37, a veteran Communist who was wounded in the Battle of Berlin in 1945 as a tank commander, escaped to the West late last month.

On his arrival he said, "I hate Communism. I realise it is just as bad as Nazism."

Gerber was the highest ranking officer of the Communist People's Police to flee to the West since the war, officials said. He fled although he knew that he was to be promoted to Major-General on May 1 and was to be officially placed in command of East Germany's coastal defences.

He had been in charge of the coastal defences for several months but the announcement of his assignment was to be made by the Communists simultaneously with his promotion to Major-General.

Gerber asked for asylum with his wife. He drove to East Berlin in his official car, then boarded an overhead railway train and rode into the Allied-occupied West Berlin.

His flight to the West is believed to have retarded for several months East German defence preparations on the Baltic sea coast.

In addition to commanding coastal defences, Gerber was the chief of the Soviet zone's naval training centre at Kuehlungsborn, officials said.—United Press.

Confirmed By Senate

Washington, May 13. The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Mr. Horacio Hildrich as United States Ambassador to Pakistan. Mr. Hildrich has been President of Bucknell College in Pennsylvania for the past four years.—France Press.

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50-Year Defence Plan For Europe Suggested By Lord Montgomery

London, May 13.

Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, today called for a European defence plan to give security for "50 years or more."

The present East-West contest was fundamentally "a struggle for the soul of Germany, a struggle which began before the last war ended," he told newspaper executives here.

Though there were grave troubles in the Far East, the heart of the matter was to be found in Germany.

INDO-CHINA ORDER RESENTED

Devaluation Brings Difficulties

Salon, May 13. Business was virtually at a standstill throughout Indo-China today as the country tried to sort out economic difficulties caused by the French Government's devaluation of the Indo-Chinese piastre.

Nguyen Van Lum, the Vietnamese President, described devaluation in an interview here as "a flagrant violation of Franco-Vietnamese agreements and an act which will considerably weaken the country's war effort."

Vietnam was in the process of making a considerable contribution to the cost of the Indo-China war, he said, but it was now doubtful if she would be able to afford it.

His criticisms were echoed by Government officials and businessmen.

They were particularly angry that France had devalued the piastre without consulting the Vietnamese.

One diplomat commented: "This will stretch the seams of an already deteriorating political situation."

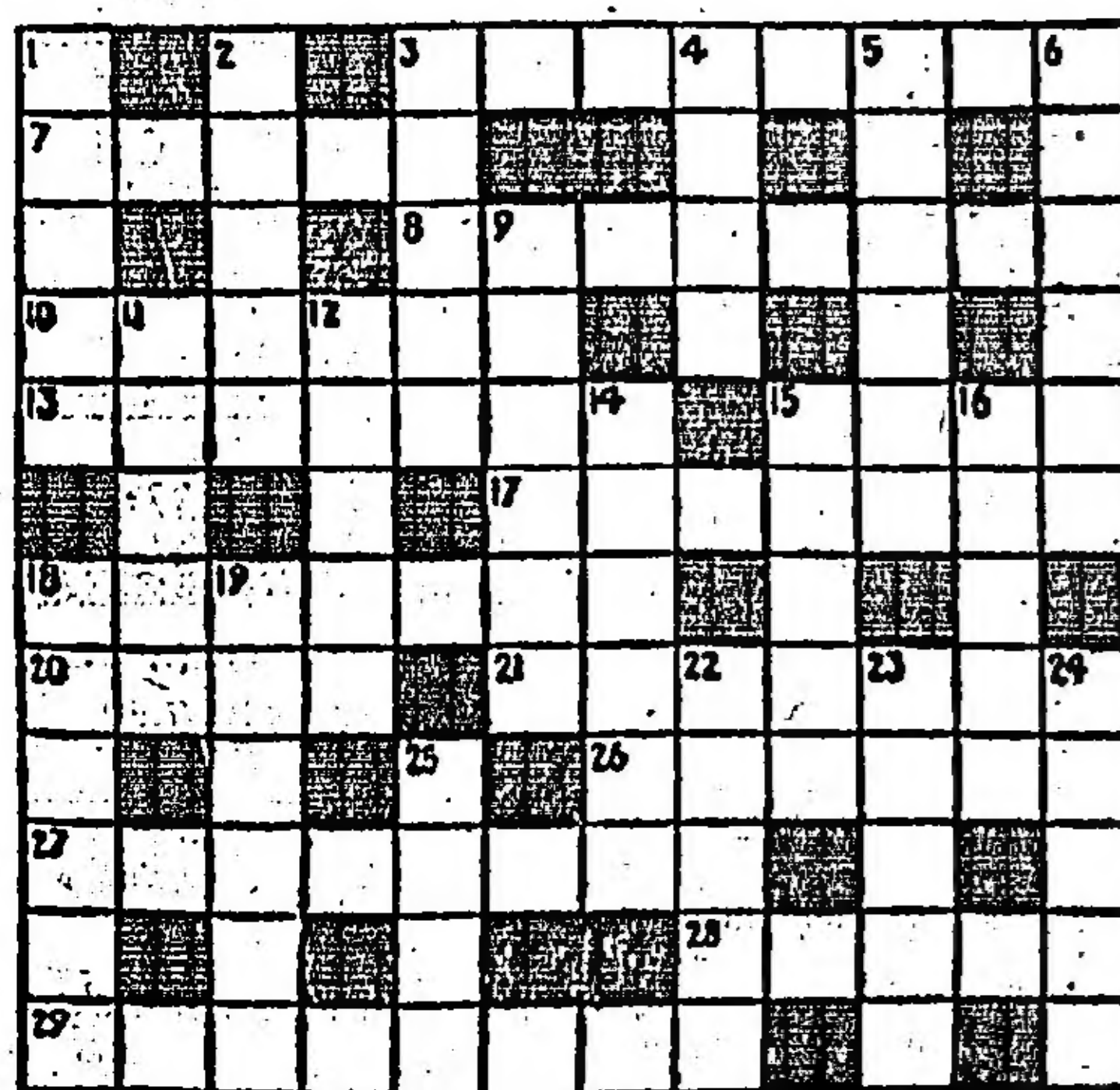
"It is certainly not the way to convince the people of Indo-China that the days of French control are over," Reuter.

JAPANESE HELP FOR FORMOSA

Taipei, May 13. Japanese shipbuilders would be asked to help the development of shipbuilding on Formosa, the Nationalist-Chinese news agency, Chinese News Service, reported today.

Mr. Taguchi, General Manager of the Ishikawa-Jima Heavy Industry Company of Japan, is to visit Formosa to work out a technical assistance agreement with the Taiwan Shipbuilding Corporation, the agency said—Reuter.

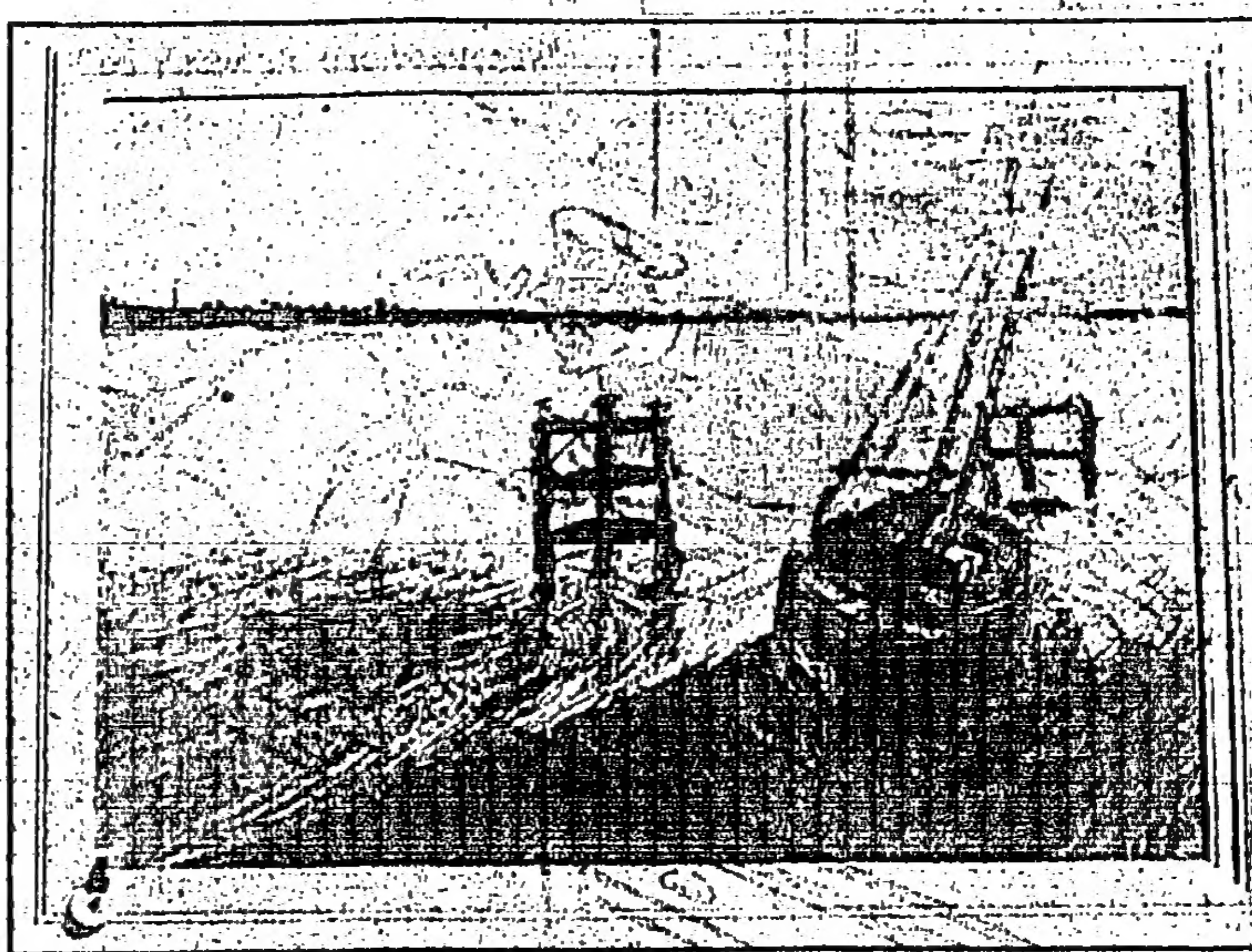
A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Bedlam, 5. Spurt, 8. Viper, 9. Tocsin, 10. Vista, 11. Dares, 12. Ruca, 13. Roast, 14. Repeat, 15. Sated, 16. Spent, 17. Hole, 18. Stout, 19. Awful, 20. Signor, 21. Refer, 22. Freed, 23. Seldom, 24. Down, 25. Butters, 26. Decrease, 27. Avid, 28. Misdeed, 29. Severed, 30. Prison, 31. Rake, 32. Attain, 33. Telegram, 34. Rattled, 35. Periss, 36. Ensure, 37. Fowls, 38. Ties.

Royal Artists Display Works In London



Attracting much attention at the Coronation "Painting is a Pleasure" exhibition at the Trafalgar Gallery in Mount Street, London, are two works by members of the Royal Family—the Duchess of Kent and her son, the young Duke of Kent. The Duke's picture, above, shows a fishing boat, careened at the water's edge. The Duchess' contribution, at left—a fine crayon portrait of Princess Margaret, signed in one corner "M.K. 1951"—is the central feature of the exhibition.—Express Photos.

Factories To Produce Super-Cloth

London, May 13. Britain's latest glamour material—Terylene—is to be made in Canada at a £7,000,000 plant being built near Kingston, Ontario, by the giant Imperial Chemical Industries.

Terylene is the wonder textile that can be made either shimmering like silk and nylon, or fleecy and warm like wool.

It can be used for dresses, suits, or underwear. For all its glamour it is tough. Motifs will not touch it, and it is greaseproof.

Two British scientists—John Winfield and James Dickson—invented it a few years ago. In Britain I.C.I. is spending millions on a new plant that will make it at Wilton, Yorkshire.

Korea Casualties

Washington, May 13. American battle casualties in Korea now total 134,958, an increase of 163 over last week's summary, the Defence Department reported today. It was the smallest weekly increase since the March 28 report when the total increase was 123.—United Press.

Dedication Ceremony At Labuan

Melbourne, May 13. The biggest British war cemetery in the Pacific area will be dedicated at Labuan, North Borneo, on June 10.

A special memorial will commemorate British, Indian and Australian who lost their lives in the Borneo campaign and on the Sandakan death march.

Four thousand British Commonwealth troops are buried there.

In addition 2,000 unidentified and missing are remembered.

This was stated tonight by Brigadier A. E. Brown, Secretary-General of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

Brigadier Brown said an Australian Cabinet Minister, the chief of the three armed services in Malaya and two Royal Navy ships from Singapore and Hongkong are expected to attend.

Brigadier Brown added: "The Labuan cemetery is the biggest in the Pacific area. It is a magnificent memorial to the dead."—Reuter.

FATE OF REFUGEES IN CHINA

Question Asked In The Commons

London, May 13. Mr. Reginald Sorensen (Labour) asked the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons today if he would suggest that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make inquiries about the 10,000 European refugees who had settled in China.

He also asked if the High Commissioner would ask the Chinese People's Republic to help them or have them transferred to other countries.

Mr. Anthony Nutting, the Foreign Under-Secretary, said: "The United Nations High Commissioner already has full information about these refugees and is doing all he can to help them."

"I have discussed personally with him the question of resettling them and he is considering various possibilities."

In reply to another question Mr. Nutting said: "We have made a little progress, but I do not want to raise many hopes in case we may not be able to bring them to fruition."—Reuter.

Harold Wilson In Moscow

Moscow, May 13. Mr. Harold Wilson, former Labour President of the British Board of Trade, arrived today from Prague for talks on the export of Russian timber to Britain.

He is expected to stay here a week and will also discuss general East-West trade prospects with Soviet officials.

Mr. Wilson is one of the chief supporters in the House of Commons of the left-wing Labour leader, Mr. Aneurin Bevan.

He has been a paid adviser to a London timber importing firm for the last two years.—Reuter.

Lisbon's New Hospital

Lisbon, May 12.

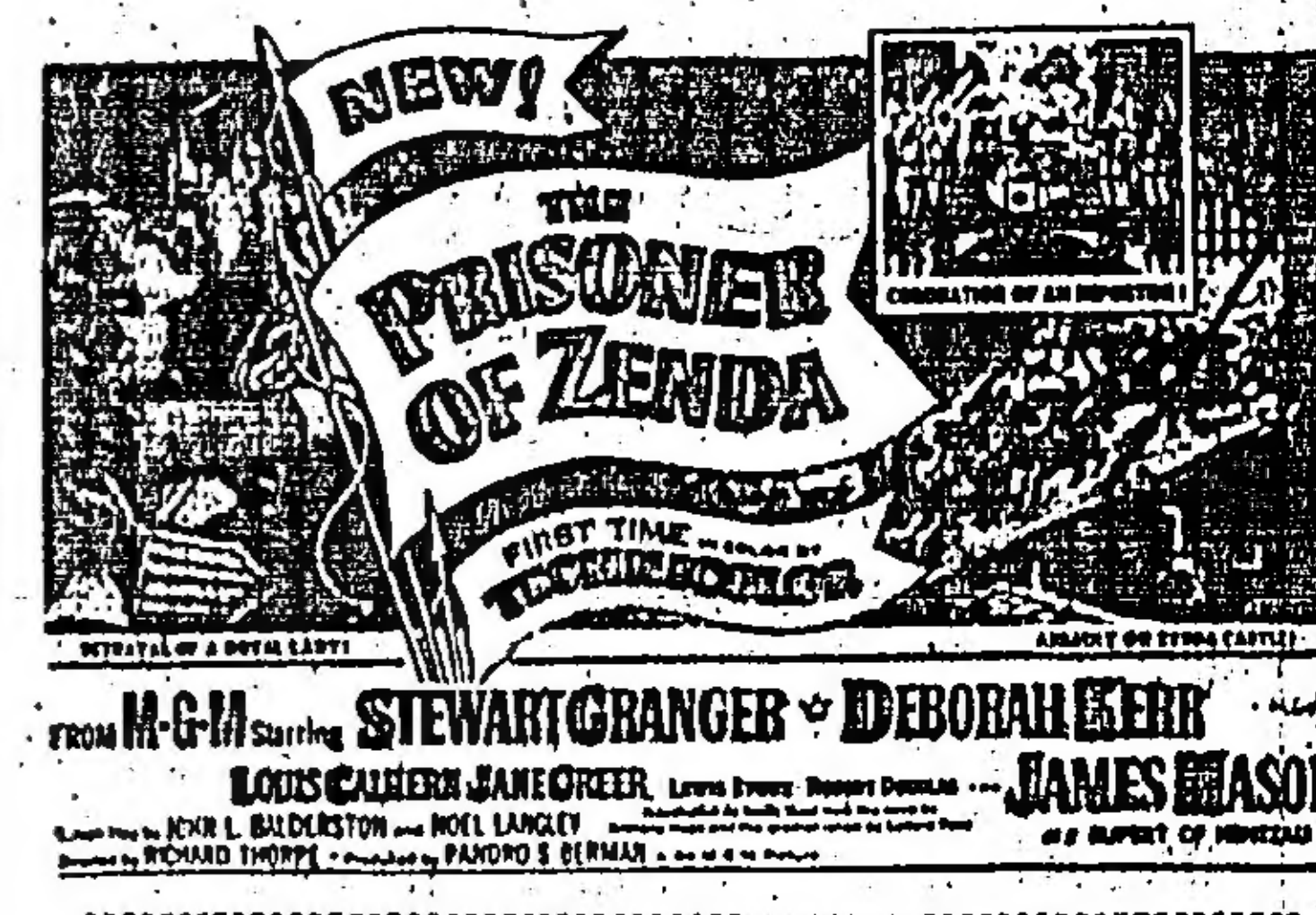
Lisbon's new, German-designed 1,500-bed general hospital will soon open its doors to the public after 10 years of preparation.

The £17,000,000 hospital, begun in the shortage-ridden days of 1943, was planned by German architect Herman Dierck, who died in 1945. It is the biggest building in Portugal and also a pressing need for hospital space, being the total of hospital beds in Portugal to 25,000.

When in full operation later this year, the State-built hospital, which includes medical school facilities, will have a staff of 1,000.—United Press.

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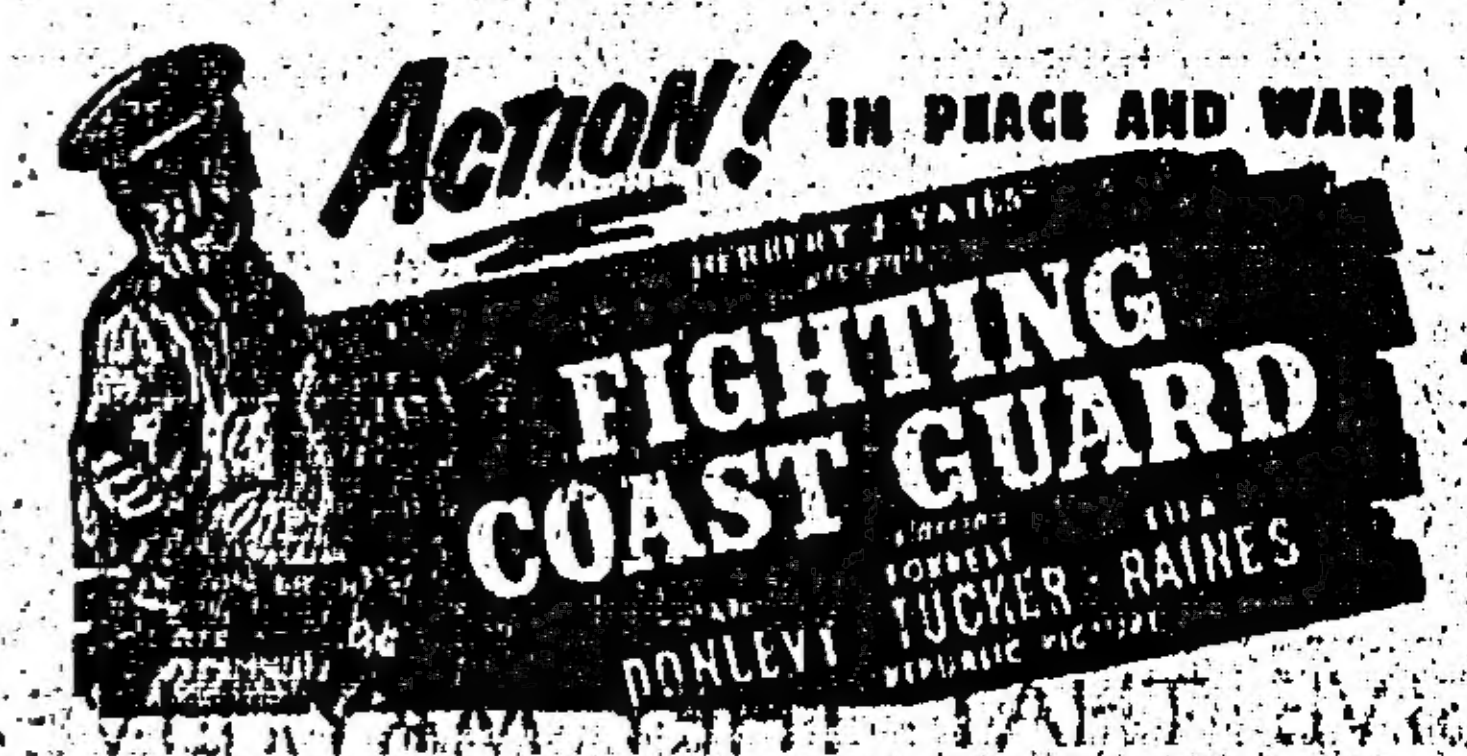
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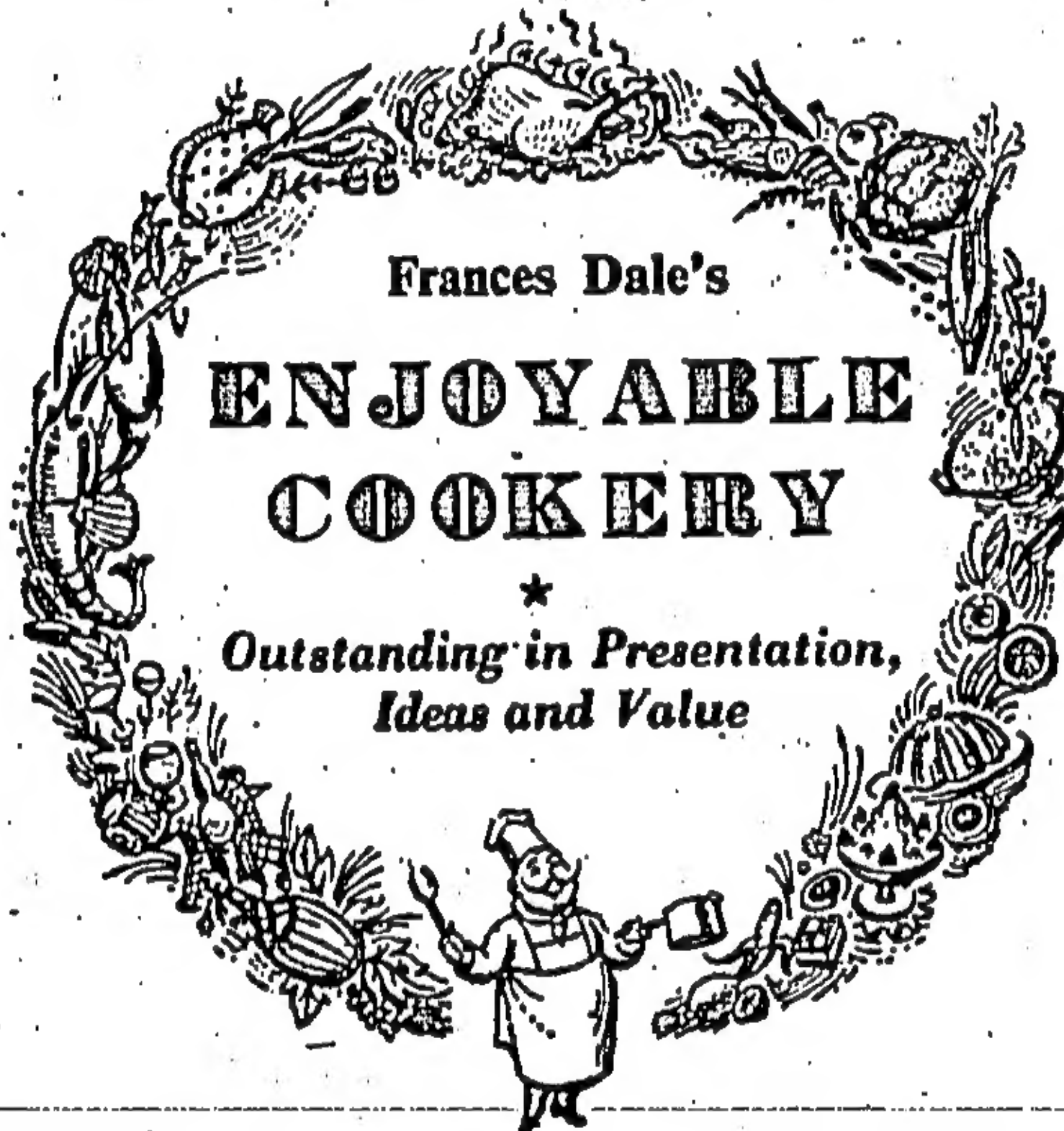
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Many have come forward for examination and where necessary, free hospitalisation to the limit of the accommodation available.

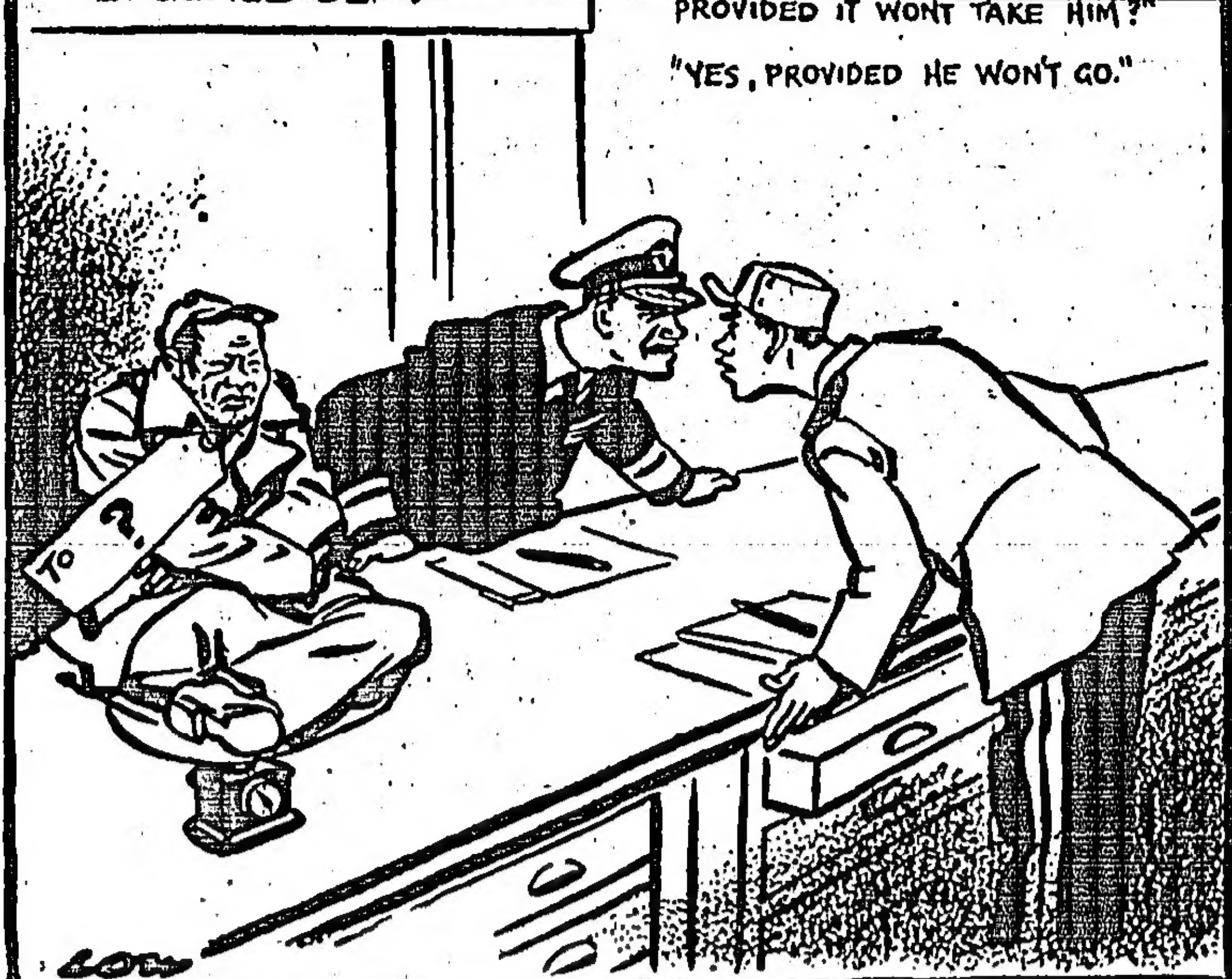
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The Cig Girl Who Married An Angel

One woman's art show gives the Cinderella story a new twist in the world where money goes in search of genius

by EVELYN IRONS

HANGING on the walls of a millionaire's Manhattan flat are a collection of portraits and landscapes by a new artist. After painting for only three years, the artist recently had a one-woman show in New York. Academically there were plenty of faults to be found with her painting, but the vigour and colour sense compelled admiration.

The name is Marjorie Huntington Hartford, and hers is New York's real life Cinderella story.

In 1948, blonde, slim Marjorie Steele was a struggling young actress of 18. To pay for her dramatic school lessons she worked as a cigarette girl at Ciro's, Hollywood's plushiest night club.

To Ciro's one September night came a man with millions of dollars and a load of uncorrelated ideas—George Huntington Hartford. Because he did not smoke he waved the cigarette girl away. Then he looked at her, called her back and bought all the smokes she had, including the cigars. The following year they were married.

It was, of course, a wonderful thing for Marjorie, the struggling Hollywood actress, to marry a millionaire, be whisked off to Fortino for a romantic Mediterranean honeymoon, and play the lead in a film financed by her husband. But it did the millionaire a lot of good too.

Familiar Lines

UP to then Hartford's story runs on familiar poor-little-rich-boy lines.

He was one of the heirs to the world's largest grocery chain stores, the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., known as A and P in more than 3,000 American towns. The business originated nearly 100 years ago, when his grandfather opened a garish new dry goods shop in New York.

But the company, with the \$1,000 million a year turnover, meant little to him. Even his father, Edward, who died in 1922, left the sordid transactions of grocery to his two brothers, George's uncles, and interested himself in odd little inventions and gadgets, one of which a shock absorber, made him another fortune. "One Hartford ought to be a gentleman," Edward used to say.

George was only 11 when his father died. In his first year at Harvard his mother had to call in the aid of a "sensible woman" to get him out of the clutches of a New York adventuress.

At 20 he married a dentist's daughter from Virginia, Mary Elizabeth Epling, who is now Mrs Douglas Fairbanks. The marriage ended in divorce eight years later, with Hartford paying out a million and a half dollars in settlement.

Meanwhile, graduating from Harvard in 1934, when he was 23, Hartford made the motions of entering the family business with the 7,500 stores and 100,000 employees.

Soon he was out, and toying with journalism. He had a financial interest in a New York newspaper. In a brief spell as a reporter he covered his assignments in a chauffeur-driven limousine.

Then he thought he would like to produce movies in Hollywood. He joined the navy, served four years in zones varying from Greenland to the South Pacific. Demobilised he went into an exotic line of business. With Bill Deering, an old friend, he started a "talent agency" for Hollywood glamour girls. That was as far as his postwar career had gone when he set eyes on his cigarette girl.

California he has started a colony for painters, writers, sculptors, composers, on a 150-acre estate at Pacific Palisades—the Huntington Hartford Foundation, where about 40 possible geniuses can forget their financial worries and concentrate on artistic production. This, he says, is his "baby."

Another of his schemes, in which he is sinking \$1,500,000, is the building of a recreation centre in Los Angeles, with a theatre seating 1,300, a basement movie house, colonnades of shops, offices, bars.

He is studying plans for a contemporary museum of art. And his model agency is still paying him dividend.

He is also a theatrical "angel": one of his investments, a big current success in New York, is "The Seven Year Itch," a play about a husband who dabbles in dalliance when his wife is away, only to discover that he is not the dallying sort.

What with Marjorie's painting and her film career, the penthouse is as busy a workshop as you will find in all New York. The Hartfords have a daughter—blonde, two-year-old Cathy—to add to their other occupations. Next month they hope for an heir to the family millions.

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Active Life

NOW, nearing his 42nd birthday, Hartford's enthusiasms are channelled into a whole network of artistic enterprises.

"When I went to see him in his penthouse in the River House, overlooking the United Nations building and the sweeping East River, 23-year-old Marjorie was rushing out to see her agent in a coat she described as 'plucked racoon' (she could afford cables, but she does not even own a mink).

Off-stage, her husband was engaged in an interminable business talk on the long-distance telephone to Hollywood.

The living-room suggested a flurry of activity: books overflowing from their shelves on to tables and chairs, long-playing records piled on the floor, odd canvases piled against the wall, a desk littered with papers and photographs, radio and TV sets.

Millionaire Hartford strode in, still in dressing-gown and pyjamas, bubbling over with schemes as if he were a boy in his twenties instead of a middle-aged man whose hair was showing streaks of grey.

He had bought the rights in a dozen short stories which he proposed to make into films. He had an arrangement to release six of his films through RKO, one brace of stories called "Face To Face" with his wife starring in a Wild West episode, was already playing in New York.

Writing Novel

HE laughed wryly when I suggested that he could disregard the box office.

"Anything over 200,000 dollars a year is income-tax at 52 percent," he said. "I must at least break even."

He is three-quarters of the way through writing a novel. He has published an angry little book called "Has God Been Insulted Here?" in which he lambasts the postwar school of American fiction, Picasso and modern music, all of which he regards as subversively directed against wealth and privilege.

He is proud of being a Maccenas of the arts. Back in



Where Nigel Balchin sees romance

Now he writes of
'Vanity... jealousy
... Ambition—and
a hint of scandal.'

there be enough steel rod available to enable this medium-sized sprayer to be delivered in three months instead of nine? Who still get the controlling shares?

This may sound technical and indigestible, but Balchin's easy, almost casual, writing has made it readable and appealing. His short novel and director's meetings are merely the backcloth against which jealousy, vanity, and ambition reveal the part they play in the grand passion of money-making.

And Balchin has not neglected the other and more obvious passion. A director is accused of molesting a girl who operates

READING through the finished manuscript, to whom nothing of dramatic interest happens until after they have left the laboratory or the office. His characters work. Whether they are doctors in "Mine Own Executioner," or biologists in "A Sort of Traitors," their jobs demand

"I had tried to write a novel about a psychiatrist who could heal others but not himself, and I realised it had not come off," said Balchin, explaining his resentment against his book, "Mine Own Executioner."

"I so often get good ideas and make a muck of them." Fortunately, others convinced him it was too good a story to be destroyed. It sold almost 250,000 copies, and was made into a highly successful film.

Subtle task

COMING as it did after "The Small Back Room," it placed Balchin in that select company of authors whom the critics respect and the public buy.

In his latest book, "Sundry Creditors" (Collins, 10s. 6d.), Balchin sets himself the subtle task of humanising business. This in itself gives it the distinction of novelty, for most English writers prefer their characters to float about in a world of unearned or unexplained income.

But Balchin has never been content to create types arbitrarily labelled bar-

most of their time and their energies, and they are always conscious of having the rent to pay.

Balchin himself has no precise idea of why other authors find so little inspiration in perspiration. "It may be snobbery, it may be that they think work is dull, or it may be that novelists know little about other people's working lives," he said.

"But there is no doubt that whereas you can write almost anything you like about sex, there is something distinctly vulgar about money."

"Sundry Creditors" isolates an old-established engineering firm in the Midlands, and probes about its boardroom, press shop, assembly line and canteen, finding intrigues and scandals.

Can the firm get rid of its fabricating contracts and confine itself to its own patented products? Will

an electric screw-driver on the assembly line. The managing director's 18-year-old daughter spends a week-end in Hastings with the young workers' representative on the works council.

Romance sometimes blunts Balchin's normally perceptive and adult touch. In sentences like: "His arms were round her and his body was as hard as a rock and her lips were crushed against her own teeth," his intentions may be Freudian, but the language is perilously close to Ruby M. Ayres.

'Executive'

DESPITE his established reputation as a best-selling novelist, Nigel Balchin describes himself on his passport as a "business executive."

This is because he still holds his pre-war job with a large chocolate firm as an adviser on such matters as marketing, production methods, and personnel. "Although most of my time is now spent on writing," he said, "I still think it important to keep my interests in business, since it brings me into contact with people I wouldn't normally meet."

Because Balchin's father was a small tradesman, his only chance of remaining at Cambridge was through scholarships. This decided him to take up Natural Science, where the competition was not as fierce as in the English department.

Specialised

HIS subsequent employment conveniently reveals where he acquired the specialised knowledge he has used in most of his novels.

Five years at the National Institute of Industrial Psychology gave him what he needed for "Mine Own Executioner." His work at the Ministry of Food and as deputy scientific adviser to the Army's Canteen during the war supplied him with the atmosphere for "The Small Back Room" and "A Sort of Traitors." His experience as a director and industrial consultant is evident on every page of "Sundry Creditors."

Now 44, Nigel Balchin has three daughters, a cottage in the country, and a comfortable flat in London, a passion for exotic rugs, and a healthy ability at cricket and tennis.

Significant

BUT the fact that his work is so specialised is not significant in itself. It is the way he uses it that is significant.

"I'm not so worried about getting technically better," he said, "but about getting the content better." He always finds enough truth in a bad, critical observation to depress him.

"Sundry Creditors" with its sensitive eye for the living natural dialogue of business life, its emotional, busy, petty level, its smooth, efficient story-telling, will not disappoint Balchin fans.

I LIKE MRS FILM

says EVE PERRICK

THE question was very delicately phrased. I asked Mrs Sam Goldwyn her formula for growing up in Hollywood.

"It's all right," said she. "You can say 'growing old' in Hollywood. I don't mind at all. I've lived there for 28 years. I'm proud of my age—but please don't print it."

Well, whether the one-time Broadway actress Frances Howard has grown up or grown old in Hollywood, she first came there, as she said, 28 years ago as the bride of the legendary Mr Goldwyn, who was then merely a film producer. They had met in New York.

"I had just got a film contract and I thought it might be a good idea to have a beau in Hollywood, where I didn't know a single chick. The next thing I knew we were married."

They have been married ever since. "Not such a strange thing you know—there are many other

long-lasting happy marriages there."

Mrs Goldwyn, a school-girlish slender grandmother, is a relaxed, easy-to-talk-to woman.

Hollywood? It is perhaps the most exciting place in the world from where to watch the crowd.

"You know, I'd like to be able to say that the standard of feminine beauty was on the decline out there. But I'm forced to admit that each year's crop of newcomers looks even better than the last. I frankly don't like it a bit."

There's one gratifying thing about being Mrs Hollywood. All the Miss Hollywoods soon realise you are not in competition with them, and you get to know them as people.

Any regrets about giving up her career? "Well, the great American public

didn't really suffer a terrible loss when I gave up the stage. I regret to have to say there was no great clamour to get me back.

"But I've still got the letter the studio sent me after Sam asked me to drop the five-year contract they offered. It says I can take it up again any time I want to. Wouldn't they be in a fix if I decided to start a film career now?"

The role that Mrs Goldwyn likes best is being a grandmother. "It's lovely—all the fun and no responsibility."

"You feed the baby too much cake—Mama has to deal with the after-effects, but she need never know whose fault it was, if baby doesn't squeal."

Grannie's gimmick is taking her own coffee-maker with her wherever she goes. In America she travels with an electric percolator, but in Europe, because of differences in the current, she uses a small samovar arrangement.

In spite of all this, Frances Goldwyn cannot be described as a "character." She's a person. And she insists she isn't married to a "character" either.

"Mr Goldwyn was fairly well known when I met him. Now I'm told he's a legend, but he seems the same to me."



The part about the wolf.... would you mind yawning through it again?

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

IN Crawley there is a man who belonged to the Tory and Socialist parties, but voted Liberal. So far, so good.

He should have met the old woman who said to the polling official, "I wish to vote for the Tory candidate." "I'm afraid you can't do that," said the official. "You must vote for the one you wish to represent you." "I don't want any body to represent me," said the woman. "Well, but—" "I like them all," said the woman. "But I don't want any of this representation business." "This is an election," said the official angrily. "I don't care," said the woman. "Elect away. I only want to vote for the three people. I'm not interested in anything else."

Rustiguzzi arrives

EMILIA RUSTIGUZZI, the famous coloratura soprano, stepped from a plane at London Airport yesterday. "Like your post Brownie," she said. "I am in England now that April is here." Asked to sing a note or two, she let out a yell that seemed to bend the microphone and blow off the hat of a reporter. An ambulance was rushed to the spot, but drove away when it was found that nobody was hurt. The massive diva then entered a waiting car, and put her right foot clean through the floor.

The Huntingdonshire Cabmen

THE 1953 gala edition of the "List of Huntingdonshire Cabmen," contains a long introduction by Dame Katherine Westlake. It has been chosen as the book of the Month by three local newspapers, and the publishers announce that a French translation is being prepared by M. Paul-Louis Desvieux, of the Société Anonyme de Montpelier. Translated in this connection, as no attempt will be made to translate such names as People, St. or Huxtable, it might be a graceful gesture if the English publishers were to commission a translation from the French of the list of Rouen taxi-drivers, published by Colifichet last June. Burelli an occasional half-hour broadcast of the names would run no risk of being unduly controversial.

Recount demanded

Five Gallup Poll officials must have been very busy lately. They are used to telling us what people are thinking. They now tell us what people are doing. In June, they will disagree with the prophecy that 2,162,429 people will visit London on June 2. It is, of course, a very small number of people. They counted Mrs. Flock, Mr. Dallett and Mr. Fender, who "don't know."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MAY 14

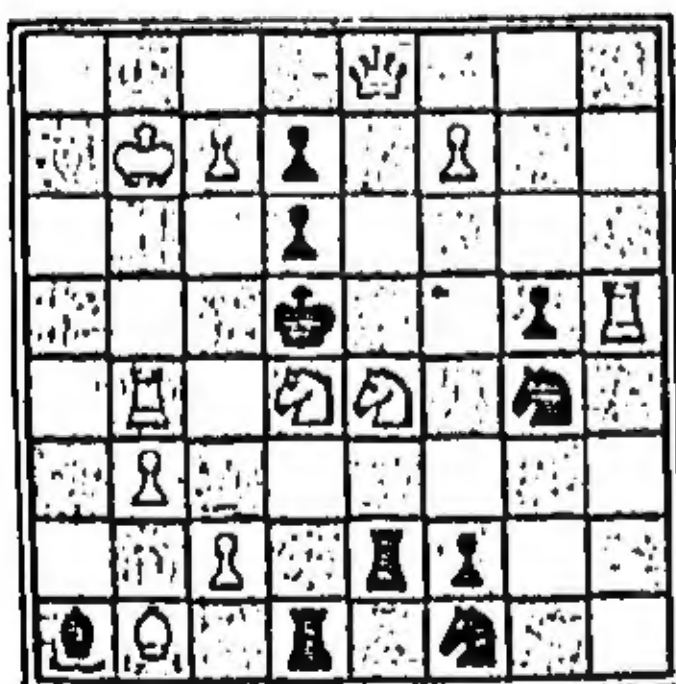
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FRIDAY, MAY 15

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Don't let your emotions run away with your good sense today. You sense today, for you will regret it.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—An invitation is offered for you to change your environment. Do it, and you will mean making mistakes.
CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Be calm and collected, even if you have a tremendous lot of work to do. To rush will mean making mistakes.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—This is the time when you could ask help from an expert. Fault-finders are not help. Constructive criticism may be of use.
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Don't go off the deep end giving advice unless you know it will be appreciated. Wait until you're asked to give it.

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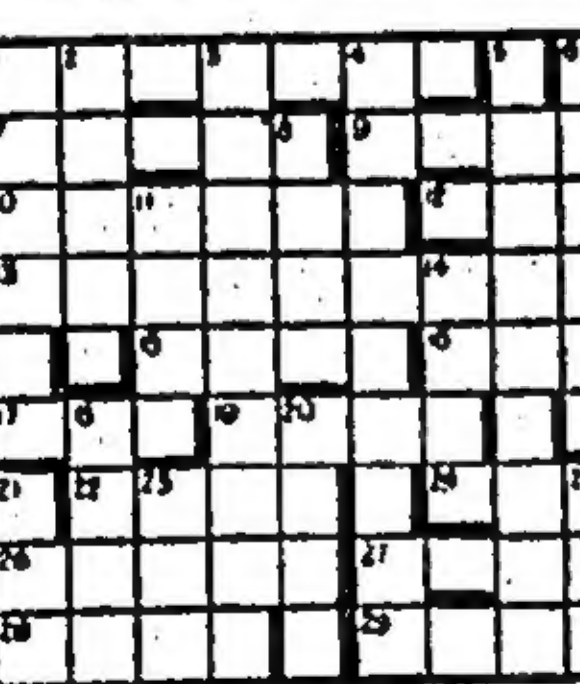
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White, 11 pieces.
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CROSSWORD



Across
1. In favour of examination? (7)
2. Ravel round about. (6)
3. The Cross of old. (6)
4. Beldom unexplored. (6)
5. Upright serpent. (6)
6. Develop the mind? (6)
7. Fat man in this. (6)
8. Dangling noise. (3)
9. Metal-maker's mould. (8)
10. (Usually) twice a day at the sea. (4)
11. The screw is inside. (5)
12. (Usually) twice a day at the sea. (4)
13. Actor's lore. (4)
14. Doubled it, confidential. (4)
15. This is getting late. (4)

Down
1. Untroubled. (6)
2. Current satire. (6)
3. Experimental. (6)
4. Do. (6)
5. In the hall where tubes live. (6)
6. Just what remains now. (6)
7. Or otherwise. (6)
8. Tropical. (6)
9. Dry in the middle, wet all round. (4)
10. Detailed time. (6)
11. On the stage a diva. (6)
12. Mrs. became said. (6)
13. Upper figure is high. (6)
14. (Usually) twice a day at the sea. (4)
15. Actor's lore. (4)
16. Doubled it, confidential. (4)
17. This is getting late. (4)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Using Bad Play Ruins Any Game

BY OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand was a rather bad experience for one of the players, but it illustrates the kind of reasoning that is necessary for good bridge playing. East thought that he had made an unfortunate guess, but he had actually made a very bad play.

West opened a trump, and therefore deserved whatever happened to him. As I mentioned in yesterday's article, a trump opening lead against a small slam is almost invariably a horrible defensive manoeuvre.

South won the first trick with the jack of spades and immediately finessed dummy's jack of diamonds. This was not a bad idea, since the diamond finesse would have to be risked sooner or later. Declarer wanted to take the finesse immediately in order to give East a little information as to what the diamond happened to lose.

As it turned out the finesse did lose to East's queen of diamonds. East now had to decide whether his partner had

NORTH (D)			
♠ Q 5			
♥ Q 3			
♦ A K J 10 3			
♣ Q 10 6			
WEST			
♠ 8 7			
♥ J 7 3 2			
♦ 5 2			
♣ A J 10 4			
EAST			
♠ Q 3 2			
♥ 10 8			
♦ Q 8 4			
♣ K 7 5 3 2			
SOUTH			
♠ A K J 10 4			
♥ A K 9 6			
♦ 8 7			
♣ 9			
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 8.			

the ace of hearts or the ace of clubs. It seemed like a sheer guess, and a heart return seemed "safer" to East.

This, of course, was duck soup for declarer. He could draw the trumps and discard a heart or club on dummy's long diamonds.

East was guilty of very poor reasoning. The danger was that South had only a singleton or doubton in either hearts or clubs. East had to land that short suit in order to find his partner's ace. East should have worked out this problem correctly.

If South had only one or two small clubs, West would have three or four clubs headed by the ace. This was entirely possible, and actually happened to be the case. Now let's make the same assumption about the heart suit. South had only one or two small hearts. West would have seven or eight hearts headed by the ace. If West had such a freakish holding, he would either bid the hearts at some time or at least would lead the ace of hearts to begin the defence.

Since West had failed to bid hearts or to lead the suit, it was clear that he did not have this freakish holding. Hence it was impossible for South to have only one or two small hearts. On the basis of this reasoning, East should have returned a club after winning his queen of diamonds. This would have defeated the slam contract.

CARD SERVICE

Q—The bidding has been:

South: West North East
1 Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass
2
You, South, hold: Spade 2, Hearts J-7-3, Diamonds A-K-Q, Clubs A-K-J. What do you do?

A—Bid three diamonds. You have 19 points in high cards, 2 points for the singleton, and a very powerful hand. You will bid game in hearts if your partner can rebid that suit, and you will go to game in diamonds if your partner cannot rebid the hearts.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 2, Hearts K-3, Diamonds A-Q-J-9-6, Clubs A-K-Q-8-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

SAM SHANE-KERR

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE



The Art Of Getting Along With People

By ANNE HEYWOOD

AS far as I am concerned, it is the age of super attention to the art of getting along with people.

Children are judged in school on their ability to be an integral part of the group. The lone wolf child is considered pathetic beyond words. Employees are super-conscious of whether or not everybody in the company likes them. The wife who doesn't build a busy social life for her husband and family, and win lots and lots of friends, is inclined to spend much time brooding about the fact, and reading books on psychology and how to be popular.

Cart Before the Horse

However, after hearing the life stories of hundreds of people, I have come to the conclusion that this emphasis on popularity for its own sake is a case of putting the cart before the horse.

For example, the worker in an office who feels that he isn't as popular as he would like to be, and who puts a lot of attention on making the right impression on people, is, as a rule, the person who doesn't like the actual work he is doing. If you don't like your work, you don't get the satisfaction from it which you know in your heart you should get. Also, you don't get the feeling of prestige and accomplishment. Therefore it becomes terribly

important that everybody likes you. But the more you put the emphasis on impressing people, the more they tend to shy away from you.

Constant Visitors

Women of this kind are constant visitors to my office. When I tell them that the first thing to do is to get into a job that they really like, and put their energy in that direction, they look blank.

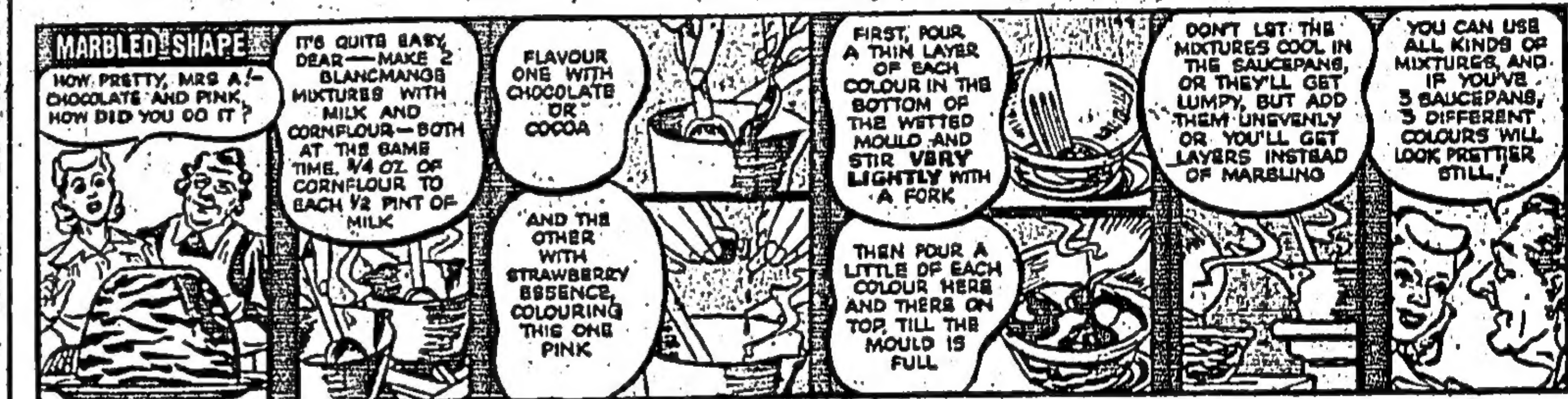
But those of them who do give it a try, find that it is indeed the solution. When they like their jobs, and are doing a good job, a subtle change comes over them. They become sure of themselves, surer of their own importance, and the necessary nature of their work. They get an easy give-and-take

approach which automatically attracts friends and makes their human relations smooth, where all the memorising of tricks and asking polite questions never did.

An Absorbing Activity

The woman at home who hates every bit of her housework and has no absorbing interest in never going to be the life of the party, no matter how hard she works at it. Let her find an absorbing activity within her home which gives her life meaning and significance—

which, in short, makes her like herself—and other people will unconsciously gravitate to her. If your work history has been full of difficult human relations, don't take a course in how to be charming. First, see if you can't find work that you really like. Chances are, that will solve the problem.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Story About A Dandelion

—Oh, How It Wished It Could Get Over the Wall!

By MAX TRELL

"Did I ever tell you the story about the Dandelion-That-Wanted-to-Climb-the-Wall?" Mr. Punch asked. Knarf and Hinda, the shadow-children with the turned-about names.

"No—but we'd certainly like to hear it," they said, coming up to his chair.

Mr. Punch sat silently for a moment or two, pulling at his pipe. Then he began:

"Well, once upon a time there was a Dandelion. It didn't have a name or anything. But it did have an address. Its address was Foot of the Garden near the Oak Tree.

"It liked the spot where it lived. It was fond of the old Oak whose branches, spreading far overhead, gave it cool shade

during the hot sunny afternoons. It liked its neighbours, the Virginia Creeper and the English Ivy which grew along the wall on either side of it. And it liked all the garden people who passed by or stopped for a moment to rest—Cricket, Beetle, Grasshopper, Daddy Longlegs, Dragonfly and Field Mouse.

"In fact," Mr. Punch went on, "except for one little thing, it was as happy a Dandelion as you could possibly expect to find anywhere."

The two shadows were curious about this. "What little thing wasn't it happy about, Mr. Punch?"

"Well," replied Mr. Punch, "it wanted to climb the wall. You see, whenever Cricket or Beetle or any of the other garden folk came to pay a call, they were almost sure to say: 'Do you know something, Dandy, old boy? We've just been on the other

side of the garden wall. It's simply beautiful there! But, of course, you can't ever get to see it. You'll never be able to climb to the top of the wall!'

Didn't Mind

"Oh, I'm very happy just where I am. I don't mind not being able to see over the wall," Dandelion always answered. "There's quite enough to see on this side of the wall, thank you."

"It's a good thing you feel that way, Dandy," they'd answer.

"Of course," Mr. Punch said. "Dandelion really did want to see over the top of the wall, though he would never admit it. But how can a small dandelion like me ever reach the top of that enormous wall?" he asked himself sadly.

"It knew it couldn't ever climb like its neighbours the Virginia Creeper and the English Ivy—not grow as tall as the old Oak—nor hop or climb or fly like any of the garden folk."

"I'll never get to see what's on the other side of the wall," it



Dandelion liked all the garden people who stopped to rest.

admitted to itself at last as the summer was drawing to a close. "Oh, if only I could!"

Very Strange Thing

"It never did get over the wall," Mr. Punch said. "But a very strange thing happened which I must tell you about."

"Dandy was quite old now, its hair, which was yellow, had turned completely white. One day, as it was gazing up longingly at the top of the wall, a puff of wind came along and—puff!—it blew off all of Dandy's hair! Away went the white wisps, sailing high over the wall into the mysterious and beautiful field beyond the wall.

"Dandy himself was never able to see it. But when Spring came around again after the winter snow had melted, there in the field on the other side of the high garden wall stood a cluster of young, yellow-headed dandelions."

"Do you know who they were? They were Dandy's children! They had grown up from the little white wisps; for the wisps were really dandelion seeds."

"So, my dears, it was Dandy's children who got over the garden wall."

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Rupert and the Robins—3



"Why are you looking so glum?" asks Mrs. Bear when Rupert wanders into the cottage. "I did so want to help daddy to spray the fruit trees," says the little bear. "But he won't let me, and now I don't know what to do with myself!" "Well, why not draw some birthday cards for

your friends?" suggests Mrs. Bear. Rupert ponders for a moment. "Yes, that's an idea," he sighs. "Though I'm not much good at drawing. What shall I do?" There's plenty of brown and red in my paint box. I know. I'll draw some robins. And soon he is busy.

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U.S. Asian Policy Criticised

Attack By Former Ambassador

Washington, May 13.

Mr. Chester Bowles, former American Ambassador to India, said today that the United States' policy toward Asia was "dangerously half-baked" and called for a more "dynamic" approach with greater effort to understand the legitimate aspirations of the peoples of that area.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting of the National Press Club, Mr. Bowles declared also:

"If general peace in Asia follows a truce in Korea, then we must seriously consider the admission of Red China (to the United Nations)."

Under no circumstances, however, he added, should Nationalist-held Formosa be given to the Communists.

Mr. Bowles thought there was a "definite possibility of Communist China drifting away somewhat from the Soviet Union if she finds it in her interest to do so."

"The influence of Russia on China was very profound under the regime of Stalin," he added. "Ho and Mao Tse-tung were old revolutionaries and I believe Mao looked upon it as a real partnership with himself in the junior position."

"However, under Malenkov and these other bureaucrats, I do not think the same relationship will prevail,"—United Press.

NEHRU TO MAKE STATEMENT

New Delhi, May 13.

Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, has agreed to make a statement on foreign affairs to Parliament on Friday following a request by Professor Hiron Mukerjee, Deputy leader of the Communist Party in the House.

Parliament is due to adjourn this week-end for three months, and Mr. Nehru will leave for London to attend the Coronation.

—Reuter.

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Milan, May 13.

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Shops Close As Protest

Karachi, May 13.

Some 75 Karachi shops were closed today after the religious Jammat Islami Party had urged them to join in a protest against the sentencing to death of its leader, Maulana Maududi, by a Lahore court after the riots a fortnight ago.

In a statement published in the press, the former Premier, Khwaja Nazimuddin, as President of the Muslim League, said that he was "shocked" at the death sentence and said that he would be the first to sign a petition for Maududi's reprieve.

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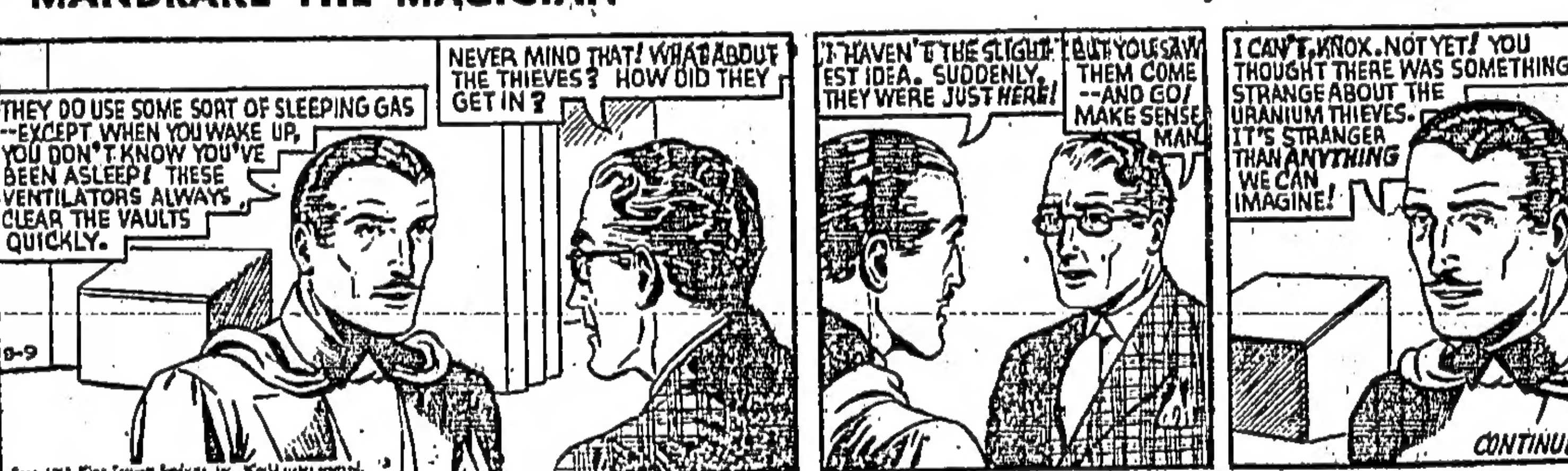
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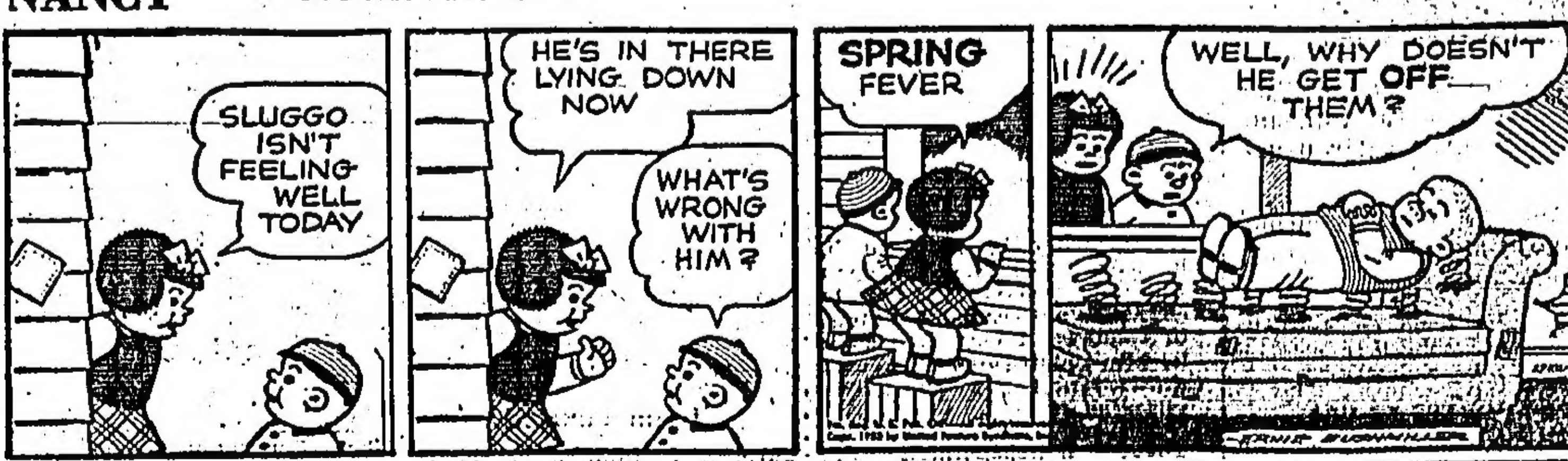
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PRODUCING ENOUGH FOR WORLD

Manchester, May 13.
The world's cotton mill equipment is now producing enough textiles to satisfy global requirements, according to a census published tonight.

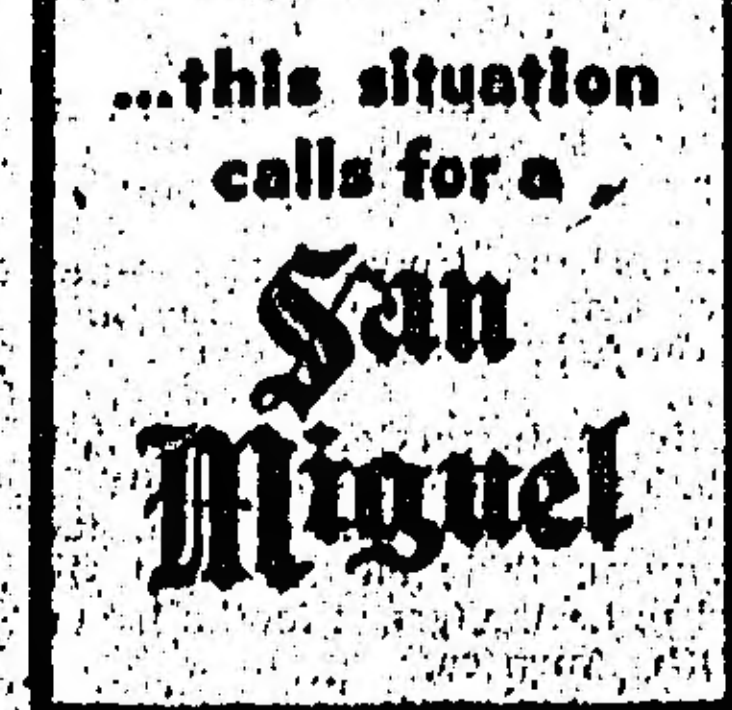
But there has been a reduction of 10 per cent in the number of raw cotton spinning spindles in the world, and of 11 per cent in the number of looms, since 1930, the report revealed.

It was presented by Mr. N. S. Pearce, of Manchester, General Secretary of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations. The census, made last July, included all the world's cotton power looms.

"For the cotton season ended July 31, 1952, the world's cotton mills consumption amounted to 32,662,000 bales against 35,309,000 bales for the season ended July 31, 1930—8,273,000 bales more consumed on fewer spindles and looms," the report stated.

In the period under review the number of looms grew from 3,000,000 to 2,700,000, while the number of spindles in the world was reduced from 161,745,000 to 127,994,000. Of the reduction of 339,523 looms, Europe lost 230,120—mostly in Britain. South America increased by 12,040 and Africa by 17,710.

More than 100,000 spindles in the world will be in Asia and South America, particularly in India, Hongkong, Pakistan and Japan.



Huge French Deficit With The European Payments Union

BY SYDNEY S. CAMPBELL, REUTER'S FINANCIAL EDITOR

It seems obvious that Britain's enlarged EPU surplus of \$42½ million in April was largely the inverse of France's EPU deficit which is provisionally estimated at nearly \$52 million, the highest monthly figure this year and wholly payable by France in gold or dollars.

Once again, Britain and sterling have benefited from the weakness of the franc—but Britain's gain in dollars from the EPU is only \$21 million for the month, while France's loss is nearly \$52 million.

Apparently France can find the \$52 million, from recent additional grants of U.S. aid.

Solution Suggested For Trade Competition

London, May 13.

Mr. Nagatani, Japanese newspaper publisher, said today that possibly only the opening up of new trading areas would ease competitive pressure between exporting countries like Britain, Japan and Germany.

Mr. Nagatani, who is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Japanese Asahi Shimbun, is paying a first visit to Britain to attend the second general assembly of the International Press Institute in London this week.

In an interview with Reuters he discussed the post-war revival of export competition, particularly between the industrial countries, and said it was difficult to see how the adverse effects of less rivalry could be avoided without fresh markets.

But in Britain, Japanese competition has mainly hit the Lancashire textile industry.

This is one of the reasons why a section of British opinion has opposed Japan's admission to GATT—the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs.

Mr. Nagatani said he was fully conscious of the problems which he thought were inevitable when one had three countries such as Britain, Germany and Japan all competing for the same markets.

He felt that if trade could be developed, as for instance, Communist China the situation might be eased.

Asked about the prospects of increased Anglo-Japanese trade he said the recently concluded trade agreement between the two countries had not brought much expansion.

Noting that greatly increased trade between Japan and the Sterling area as a whole — of which Britain is the banker.

"Some Japanese traders say they do not even get inquiries from the sterling countries," he commented.

British traders could show greater activity in exploring possible Japanese markets, Mr. Nagatani added.—Reuters.

Rally In New York Cotton

New York, May 13.

The cotton market today crowded all of the action into the forenoon session. May averages for a range of 34 points. Other deliveries closed 1 to 2 points higher.

Local speculative covering at the finish spurred the final rally to the 34-cent line.

Prices closed today as follows: Spot, 34.00; 1st, 34.00; 2nd, 33.75; 3rd, 33.50; 4th, 33.25; 5th, 33.00; 6th, 32.75; 7th, 32.50; 8th, 32.25; 9th, 32.00; 10th, 31.75; 11th, 31.50; 12th, 31.25; 13th, 31.00; 14th, 30.75; 15th, 30.50; 16th, 30.25; 17th, 30.00; 18th, 29.75; 19th, 29.50; 20th, 29.25; 21st, 29.00; 22nd, 28.75; 23rd, 28.50; 24th, 28.25; 25th, 28.00; 26th, 27.75; 27th, 27.50; 28th, 27.25; 29th, 27.00; 30th, 26.75; 31st, 26.50; 32nd, 26.25; 33rd, 26.00; 34th, 25.75; 35th, 25.50; 36th, 25.25; 37th, 25.00; 38th, 24.75; 39th, 24.50; 40th, 24.25; 41st, 24.00; 42nd, 23.75; 43rd, 23.50; 44th, 23.25; 45th, 23.00; 46th, 22.75; 47th, 22.50; 48th, 22.25; 49th, 22.00; 50th, 21.75; 51st, 21.50; 52nd, 21.25; 53rd, 21.00; 54th, 20.75; 55th, 20.50; 56th, 20.25; 57th, 20.00; 58th, 19.75; 59th, 19.50; 60th, 19.25; 61st, 19.00; 62nd, 18.75; 63rd, 18.50; 64th, 18.25; 65th, 18.00; 66th, 17.75; 67th, 17.50; 68th, 17.25; 69th, 17.00; 70th, 16.75; 71st, 16.50; 72nd, 16.25; 73rd, 16.00; 74th, 15.75; 75th, 15.50; 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A Broom For Sale

SOMETHING—the shape of his head, perhaps, or the kind of glasses he wears, his slight stoop or the casual hang of his clothes—gives Leonard the look of a scholar.

He might have strayed absently into the Tower Bridge court, mistaking its ponderous grey facade for a library, museum or laboratory.

But they were expecting him at the court, and when he had reported his arrival, he was ordered to sit down in a waiting-room, where half-a-dozen other men, all nervously pulling at cigarettes, awaited their turn to be tried for a variety of crimes.

Leonard's name was one of the first to be called. On legs that seemed to have lost most of their power to support him, he followed a policeman into the dock, and stood with head half-bowed before Miss Sybil Campbell, the magistrate.

ADMISSION

THE learned clerk read out the charge against him. "Did you," he asked, "steal a broom-head from the council who employ you?"

"Yes, may sit down," said Miss Campbell, and Leonard did so, hunching his shoulders, burying his chin in his good blue overcoat, looking more than ever like a man absorbed, by some deep abstruse problem.

"At eight o'clock yesterday morning, madam," said a police-officer to the magistrate, "this man was seen to take the broom-head into a cafe."

"The police were informed, and he was questioned. He admitted he had taken the broom, but did not wish to say any more."

CONFESSION

AS the policeman paused to consult his notes, Leonard looked at the policeman with a keen, almost furtive, glance. Leonard, at the cafe with the stolen broom-head, what sort of person would have been so diligently public-spirited at that hour of the morning as to call the police?

"Later," the officer went on, "he confessed he had taken the broom-head two days earlier. He said he hoped to make a few shillings by selling it."

"And a very few shillings indeed he would have made, when the lawful market price of a broom-head was only 9s."

The policeman began to sketch Leonard's head. "He is a dufferman," he said, "44 years old, and a man with a perfectly good character until now. He has been with the council over 14 years, and his pay is £3 12s. a week. He has five children, ranging in age from two to 10 years, and he has now lost his job."

CONTRITION

THE policeman closed the dossier about Leonard, and Miss Campbell said: "What would you like to say?"

Leonard stirred himself from his deep thinking, pulled himself up from the dock-bench. "I've made an idiot of myself," he said. "I just picked the thing up, meant to make a few bob, like the officer said."

The magistrate began to write in her register, then looked up and said: "I am taking into account your good character, and the fact that you have been punished by losing your job. The fine is 40s."

"Could I have time to pay?" Leonard asked. "If I have to pay at once, the family will suffer, and I don't want that to happen."

AND MERCY

"VERY well," said Miss Campbell, "I'll give you 28 days. That will give you a chance to find work. If you're still unemployed then, you can come here and ask for an extension of the time."

It was a merciful sentence, and Leonard's reverie to beam his gratitude.

Then he returned to his solemn thoughts, to the abstruse problem, which probably was nothing more than how to keep a family of seven going on £2 12s. a week—then there was no longer any £12s.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Big Things Are Going On In No-Man's-Land

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, May 12.

When the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, pushed a button and released Australia's pilotless jet Jindivik, at the Woormera testing grounds at the weekend, he lifted the blind a little to reveal that there had been much goings on out in the gibber area that was Australia's no-man's-land.

Backed by Britain, big things have been happening with pilotless jets, rockets and bombs out near the "dead heart" of the Continent—and enough has been said to indicate that much more is coming out of the blueprints.

What has been done up to now is sufficiently out of the ordinary for America to send a team of top experts hot-footing it here to get in the picture—connected with it has suitably impressed them.

Jindivik, designed and built in Australia (it's an aboriginal word meaning "to destroy," by the way), is sleek and efficient looking, but can be likened to an old two-wing fighter in relation what some of its descendants will be like in the future.

ON THE WAY
Already Jindivik Mk 11 is on the way, and from all accounts, that is going to make Miki look pretty silly.

Inventor of this graceful machine is a quiet, unassuming Australian, Ian Flemming, comparatively young at 39, but one of the top "back-room" boys who do these sort of things. He admitted with a smile that he is working on a "new thing" guided missile, but added (with a guarded smile): "I don't think it's in the public interest to talk about it yet."

But within a year 70 Jindiviks of various types will be hurtling through the air over Woormera. The Government, with the request and with the help of Britain, plans steeply to step up research work into guided missiles, planes and rockets. When Mr. Menzies goes to the "Coronation" later this month he will have long talks with Sir Winston Churchill on the subject and they will decide how many more millions next year are going to be poured into Woormera.

Woomera, now one of the biggest and known bullet-guided missile testing grounds in the world, has been doing plenty since 1950.

In about three years scientists have fired 700 rockets of various kinds, dropped 2,000 bombs and missiles, and 400 guided missiles. No details of rockets, bombs or missiles have been given, but as Jindivik will be used for official speeches, pats on the back and a slap-up luncheon, we can take it that that is the best that has been accomplished in that direction.

The idea of Woormera was born in 1947, became a reality

In 1949. Since then the Government has spent £220-million on it—the British Government probably more than the U.S.

Today it is a thriving township, with all the amenities necessary to make it bearable in an area that was treeless, empty and dry. The population is now 2,000, including 420 families and 800 children.

Another atom weapon test off the Australian coast is tipped for later this year, and it is almost certain that some of the work from Woormera will play a star part in it.

A pointer to the future was given by RAF Air Marshal Sir Basil Embrey, who dropped in on his way to inspect New Zealand air force stations. He said that guided missiles would probably replace crew-manned bombers within 10 years, but he doesn't yet see the end of pilot manned fighters.

SOMETHING NEW

In this country, particularly New South Wales, we have a type of sportsman known as a spearfishing fisherman. Wearing a waterproof wetsuit, a skin-tight overall costume, rubber flippers on the feet, and a snorkel, he dives into the sea and fishes with a spear. He is a fisherman, but he is also a diver.

His costs are rocky, swept by big seas and inhabited by a shark or two, so the sport is exciting, and highly profitable. There are some thousands of them—out of it the thrill of the chase and more often than not some very nice fish.

But now something new has happened. The number of them have increased. Underwater Explorers Club and the first planned trip to the bottom of the sea. The trip is to the bottom of the sea. The trip is to the bottom of the sea.

Foundation members are leading lights of the Spearfishing Club, but they are being joined by various experts. One is a well known photographer, another an expert in the use of the spear. A couple of divers and about 20 former naval ratings.

NO BEGINNERS
Mr. D. Lankford, leader of the expedition, said the divers had been kept the club down to a small body of experts.

He said of the club, "We will be no place for beginners."

Her Majesty the Queen found much to interest her when she visited the Hongkong stand at the British Industries Fair. Here she is seen admiring some of the exhibits. On her left is Miss Ada Lum, and on her right Mr. J. H. Collar and Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, President of the Board of Trade.—London Express photo.

Vietminhese Switch Main Action

Hanoi, May 13.
The sound of distant machine-gun fire was heard today as the Communist Vietminh switched their main action from the mountains of Laos to the defences of the rice-rich delta.

A high command spokesman said the action was at the delta outpost of Bing Vi, more than 30 miles south of the Tonkin capital. The French increased night patrolling to meet the Reds infiltrating the delta from the South and the East.

The new wave of Vietminh harassing raids increased fears that the Communists intend to switch three divisions for action against the delta defences, thinned out to provide garrisons for the Laotian bastions.

Reports from Laos indicated that Vietminh elements, which snatched to within 25 miles of Paknam were on the move again and might have reached the Mekong River, which forms the Laos-Thai frontier.

French headquarters formally denied the report and also insisted that no blackout existed on information from the area. But no correspondents were allowed to go and see for themselves.—United Press.

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